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**J. B. LEWIS CO'S**  
"Wear-Resisters"  
to meet it. They're not only made  
to fit every conceivable size and  
shape, but they make the feet look  
well, feel well, and last longer than  
any other shoes—that's the main  
point. Look for "Lewis" on every  
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children's. Made by  
J. B. LEWIS CO., Boston, Mass.  
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A. E. CRALLE.

## BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

"SISTER," said Willie, "in Bible times  
didn't folks own their clothes?  
It says even Solomon, 'put on his coat—  
he was rich even in rags, goodness knows,'  
she gave a sweet, little, knowing smile,  
"It means that they wore them," she said.  
"They did it to show their sorrow."  
"When some one they loved was dead,"  
"Then, who did all of the mending?"  
"What an awful job 'twould be!"  
There was silence, and then, "Why, the  
pious ones," said she.  
The devil says "ares," said she.

Miss Bessie Lindley will leave to-  
morrow for her school at Max Meadows.  
Major J. W. Otley is superintending  
the building of the macadam road be-  
tween here and Hampden-Sidney.

We hope to see Farmville excel in  
the magnificence of its 1899 chrysanthemum show. Make ready for it.

The Normal school is filled to over-  
flowing, with more young ladies from  
every part of our State than ever before.

Miss Mattie Lee Cunningham will  
take charge of her school near James-  
town, this county, October 2nd.

Wedding cards and opening an-  
nouncements neatly, cheaply and  
quickly printed at the HERALD office.  
If the weather is suitable Farmville's  
commercial interests will be well repre-  
sented at Charlotte courthouse next  
Monday.

Misses Mary and Minnie Morgan,  
who have been spending the summer  
with relatives here, returned to their  
home in Crewe last Tuesday.

Mrs. W. H. Richardson returned  
home Monday afternoon from a short  
visit to relatives and friends in Lynch-  
burg.

We are not followers of Darwin, but  
that monkey in town last Saturday  
did look and act "powerful" like some  
folks we have seen.

Mrs. George T. Vaughan and child-  
ren, who have been visiting Mr. and  
Mrs. W. G. Venable, have returned to  
their Washington home.

Never call to see a man on business  
either just before or just after he has  
had his dinner. In one case he is  
cross; in the other he is sleepy.

Why not telephone the news items  
which you hear in your neighborhood to  
the HERALD office? But little  
trouble and a great aid to us.

Farmville's telephone system is as  
good as any on earth and is the great-  
est time saving convenience the busi-  
ness men and house keepers have ever  
had.

Miss Louisa Morton's art display, all  
work of her own hand, is the most  
beautiful ever seen in Farmville, and  
will compare with art exhibits any-  
where.

Mr. J. M. Robeson, son of our town-  
sman, Mr. G. M. Robeson, has entered  
the seminary at Alexandria where he  
will prepare himself for the work of  
the ministry.

The new postoffice money order  
which has just been issued is a great  
improvement on the old style inas-  
much as it allows the purchaser a re-  
ceipt for its amount.

Miss Thompson, who is pleasantly  
remembered by many of our readers,  
having been with Mrs. Holston two  
seasons ago, is again in charge of the  
millinery department of that house.

Our fellow-townsmen, Capt. J. R.  
Martin, will be Chief Marshal on the  
occasion of the State tournament in  
Richmond, on the 12th of October.  
Just as Dewey was needed at Manila,  
so will he be on the occasion named,  
to assure brilliant success.

Improvement on all sides is the order  
of the day in Farmville. A splendid  
pavement has just been laid in front of  
the Doyle Block at the corner of Main  
and Third streets. Now let the work  
be continued until a respectable walk  
has been laid in front of the Opera  
House door.

Ann Smith, colored, wife of the late  
Jim Smith, the well known grave dig-  
ger, died last Tuesday afternoon and  
her remains were laid by the side of  
her husband in the white cemetery on  
Wednesday, Rev. Dr. Kirby of the  
First Colored Baptist church conduct-  
ing the services.

The Farmville Litchia is growing in  
popularity. This is a prophet honored  
at home as well as abroad. No one in  
Farmville feels exactly comfortable  
without it. As a table water it leads  
all competitors, and as a remedial  
agent occupies front rank. No one  
need longer suffer with dyspepsia.  
Drink Farmville Litchia, laugh and  
grow fat.

The Normal teachers for the session  
are located as follows: Miss Smith,  
at Mrs. J. A. Cunningham's; Dr. and  
Mrs. Frazier, Misses Martin and Moffett,  
at Mrs. Fitzgerald's; Misses Stone,  
Reynolds, Patterson, Pritchett, An-  
drews, Couling, Littleton and Harvey,

at Mrs. Berkeley's. Miss Minnie Rice  
continues to occupy her cottage home  
near the school building.

The supreme organizer of the Hepta-  
sophis will visit the Conclave here in  
the near future, and it is desired that  
other charter members should be ad-  
ded to the list. The order has a good  
history of 21 years, is growing in  
strength and yet offers the cheapest in-  
surance known in the market. Appli-  
cants are for the present received as  
charter members any time after exami-  
nation. Dr. Kearney is the medical  
examiner.

In the opinion of our business men  
nothing is more needed for the com-  
mon good of this community than a  
trestle from Cumberland bridge to Jen-  
kin's blacksmith shop. If seriously  
thought of we believe the work will be  
done very soon. One of our leading  
merchants remarked the other day  
that so important did he think this  
matter was that he believed one half  
the cost of an iron trestle could be  
easily raised by private subscription.

## School Teachers.

The New Store district school board  
in Buckingham have contracted with  
the following named teachers for the  
ensuing session, schools to open on  
October 9th: Mrs. Ben Hooper, No. 1;  
Miss Minnie Pollard, No. 2; Miss Liz-  
zie Gilliam, No. 3; Miss Lillian Gil-  
liam, No. 4; Mrs. Serenge, No. 5; Mrs.  
Carson, No. 6; Miss L. E. Gregory, No.  
7. Colored schools: Mr. J. Lee Cole-  
man, No. 1; Miss Bettie Jones, No. 2;  
Miss Bettie Jones, No. 3; and one yet  
to let.

## New Millinery Store.

Mrs. H. H. Hunt has opened a new  
millinery, notions and mantua-making  
establishment one door above the post-  
office. All the styles in Fall offerings  
are ready for your inspection. A host  
of new and tasty patterns, in fact  
everything needed for head wear is  
shown there. Miss Evelyn Brown, an  
experienced and artistic milliner and  
mantua-maker is with Mrs. Hunt, and  
cutting, fitting and making fine dresses  
will be a specialty. Attention is asked  
to the opening day which will be held  
next week the exact date not yet de-  
termined. At present however, all  
orders left there will receive best of  
attention.

## Thanks.

The Farmville HERALD (J. L. Hart,  
editor and proprietor), which is one of  
the liveliest and most progressive of our  
State exchanges, has entered upon its  
tenth year. The success of the HERALD  
in the past has been gratifying, and its  
outlook is bright. This is due to the  
fact that our contemporary has grasped  
comprehensively the true mission of  
the local country newspaper. While  
not ignoring general news and general  
questions, it has devoted its best  
energies to building up its section and  
covering in detail the happenings of  
its immediate territory. The most  
prosperous and most readable country  
papers in Virginia are those which  
pursue that policy. It is a policy that  
results in supplying a want that city  
papers cannot supply.—Richmond Dis-  
patch.

## Death of Dr. Nash.

Dr. Jno. W. Nash, so long and so  
favorably known to the people of this  
section, died at Williamsburg on  
Thursday afternoon, September 21st, at  
the 73rd year of his age. The end came  
peacefully. He was sitting quietly in  
his chair and died without a struggle.  
Never of robust health he carried the  
burden of disease through life without  
a murmur. His last days were free  
from worldly care, as he was blessed  
with far more than a competency.

He was buried in the county of Pow-  
hatan by the side of his wife who died  
many years ago.

Dr. Frank Nash, of Washington,  
alone of his children, survive him.

The good physician, true friend,  
courteous gentleman is dead. Peace to  
his ashes.

The public is invited to attend our  
fall display of Millinery, Notions, &c.,  
on Tuesday, October 3rd. Meanwhile  
we can serve the public with goods in  
our line. —Miss S. O. Holston.

Miss Thompson is with us and will  
serve you in all the newest styles and  
colors.

## Brown's Church.

Editor HERALD—Last Sunday was a  
"red letter" day in the history of old  
Brown's church, in Cumberland, it be-  
ing the occasion of the installation into  
office of the newly elected pastor, the  
Rev. J. H. Davis, Jr. The church had  
been desolated for the day with ever-  
greens and golden rods, and a large  
crowd of people gathered to witness  
the impressive services. Rev. Dr.  
Murray was moderator of the Presby-  
tery and Mr. F. W. Southall, secretary.  
Dr. Melville preached the sermon  
and delivered the charge to the mem-  
bers of the church, and Dr. Murray  
gave the charge to the candidate. Dr.  
Harding was also present, but owing  
to hoarseness took no part in the ser-  
vice.

Mr. Davis has been laboring with  
those people, and all through the coun-  
ty for some months past, and is already  
thoroughly installed in the hearts of those  
who know him. He will begin a pro-  
tracted meeting at the same church  
one week from next Monday, in the  
evening at 7 o'clock, and will be assist-  
ed by other ministers of his church.

When your correspondent was last  
at old Brown's, the late W. T. Johnson  
died the singing, and now his son, Mr.  
Tucker Johnson, has taken his place.  
We pass away, but God's praises, as  
God himself, will never die.

## VISITOR.

Don't fail to inspect our line of goods.  
—Miss S. O. HOLSTON.

The place of bargains in all kinds of  
Furniture is at Doyle's.

Pratt's Horse, Cattle and Poultry  
Feed is still the leader. For sale by  
H. C. CRUTE, Agt for Farmville.

## HAMPDEN-SIDNEY.

The Roll of Students Increasing—An  
Interesting Occasion.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA., Sept. 25  
Many matriculates have been added  
to the roll of the college since the open-  
ing of the session, bringing up the  
number of students beyond that of last  
year. One or two old men and a few  
new ones are still expected. The li-  
terary societies have made desirable  
accessions to their ranks, and the col-  
lege classes are now fully organized  
and regularly at work. Mr. Mebane  
Smith, college secretary of the State  
Young Men's Christian Association,  
has been here two or three days, and  
addressed a fine congregation in the  
memorial chapel last night on the work  
of the association in this and foreign  
countries.

Rev. James Murray, D. D., after  
preaching an admirable sermon to his  
congregation yesterday morning, drove  
fifteen miles to a meeting of West Han-  
over Presbytery, at Brown's church, in  
Cumberland county, when Rev. John  
H. Davis, Jr., was received as a mem-  
ber on dismission from Lexington  
Presbytery, and installed pastor of  
Cumberland church. The members of  
presbytery attending were: Ministers  
—Rev. James Murray, D. D., Rev. E.  
H. Harding, D. D., and Rev. Richard  
McIlwaine, D. D., and Ruling-Elders  
Captain F. W. Southall, of Jamestown  
church; C. R. Morton, Esq., of Farm-  
ville church, and Dr. James Blanton,  
of Cumberland church. A very large  
congregation, filling the spacious house  
of worship, was present, and the exer-  
cises were interesting and instructive.

Dr. Murray was elected moderator,  
presided, proposed the constitutional  
questions, and delivered the charge to  
the pastor, and Dr. McIlwaine pre-  
sented the charge to the church. It was  
regretted that Dr. Harding, on account  
of severe hoarseness, could take little  
part in the services. He, however,  
made the interesting statement that  
the three ministers present were stu-  
dents at Union Theological Seminary  
with one another, and the father of the  
young minister placed over the congre-  
gation, and that while during the  
larger part of their lives they were far  
separated from one another in their  
work, they had, in the Providence of  
God, been thus brought again into close  
relations, and were present to partici-  
pate in the interesting service connect-  
ed with the settlement of the son of  
their old and honored friend, Rev.  
John H. Davis, D. D., of Halifax coun-  
ty. Mr. Davis enters on his work in  
Cumberland under most auspicious  
circumstances. He is a fine scholar,  
literary and theological, and a Christian  
gentleman of the highest character,  
and in the few weeks in which he has  
been in the field has taken firm hold  
on the affections and confidence of the  
people. As the successor of such men  
as Kirkpatrick, Armistead, Leach,  
Whaley, Jones, and other able minis-  
ters, and numbering among his flock  
some of the best people in Virginia, he  
has a great work before him.

Good accounts are received here from  
Hoge Academy at Blackstone. The  
number of cadets exceeds the total of  
last year, and several others are ex-  
pected.

Wedgeood Paper and White Ink.  
ANDERSON DRUG CO.

## Buckingham Notes.

SHEPPARDS, VA., Sept. 23, '99.  
Editor HERALD—Mr. W. E. Bailey  
had the misfortune to lose a barn full  
of tobacco by fire last week. Mr. Bailey  
was in the barn himself when it caught  
fire. The barn was a frame building,  
just built at a cost of \$100, and was  
full of his best tobacco.

Mr. L. D. Jones, Jr., who has been  
at the Virginia Hospital for a month  
or so is expected home tomorrow.

Miss Ethelyn Jones has gone to  
Rockingham county where she will  
teach school.

Miss Minnie Pollard will teach the  
school near Sheppards this session.

Miss Fannie Garnett has returned  
from a visit to her uncle, Mr. J. Wyatt  
Crute, in Cumberland county.

Miss Annie Jones will teach a school  
near Mantos.

Mr. Malcom Ranson has been quite  
sick but is improving.

Geo. Carter, Geo. Morris and Geo.  
Elean, "The Three Georges," have lots  
of fun running a fox around Sheppards  
every day or so. It is generally believed  
that they run the same fox every time.  
Maybe they'll catch him some of these  
days.

The following young ladies from our  
vicinity are at the Normal school:  
Misses Grace Elean, Maud Jones, Liz-  
zie Baldwin and Patsy Johns.

Mr. H. A. Baldwin has taken the  
contract to build the new tobacco ware-  
house at White Hall.

## No Right to Complain.

The Farmville HERALD, in entering  
upon its decennial life post, finds con-  
solation for the intense struggle it has  
had in the fact that its editor had  
three square meals each day, a perfect  
digestion and has been able to sleep  
eight hours of the twenty-four. Bless-  
ed man! The fellow that can say this  
has no right to complain of life even if  
fortune and fame should miss him.—  
Petersburg Index-Appel.

## Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Oliva, of Barcelona, spends  
his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves  
had caused severe pains in the back of  
his head. On using Electric Bitters,  
America's greatest Blood and Nerve  
Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says  
this grand medicine is what his country  
needs. All America knows that it cures  
liver and kidney troubles, purifies the  
blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens  
the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life  
into every muscle, nerve and organ of  
the body. If weak, tired or ailing you  
need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only  
50 cents. Sold by White & Co., Drug-  
gists.

## Gathered at Green Bay.

Editor HERALD—R. W. Price is an-  
other one of those busy merchants who  
has time to give attention to farming  
and make it pay. He has a glorious  
crop of tobacco this year, and is satis-  
fied that the "color" is just the thing.  
And then, he is "death" on railroad  
ties, and as "active as a kitten" or J. P.  
It was my privilege to spend some days  
at his home, which is presided over by  
his mother, and I was glad to recog-  
nize and welcome an old friend I have  
been looking for for 20 years—a sliced  
sweet "tater" pie—crisp, hot and high-  
ly seasoned. Good? I should say so.  
Why is it that they have fallen into  
"innocuous desuetude?"

Mr. L. D. Jones is satisfied that the  
"Green Bay Magazine" water is the  
best on earth. And in this he has tes-  
timonials to bear him out. I add mine  
as to its merit after a full meal. He is  
shipping it regularly to different parts  
of the country and expects that the  
demand will one day absorb the sup-  
ply.

The Rock Sulphur Mining and Trac-  
ing Co., has taken on new life, and  
not satisfied with finding pyrites in  
paying quantities, is now earnestly  
digging for gold and silver, confident  
that these precious metals will soon be  
found in paying quantities too. This  
property is about 1½ miles from the  
town and is being managed by Mr.  
Robert Couch. It is attracting outside  
attention and today a capitalist from  
New Jersey is here looking into it.

Rev. F. W. Berry, the beloved pas-  
tor of the Christian church here, is also  
a successful farmer, and this year has  
seven barns of A. No. 1 tobacco.

Mr. Wicklie Smith, whose home is  
in the village, is another of those up-to-  
date, and up at day farmers who knows  
how to manage a farm to make it pay.

Hon. J. J. Owen, who lives at the  
old homestead, has a superior crop of  
tobacco this year, and is already pre-  
paring for next year's crop by plowing  
under the best crop of clover I have  
seen in my travels. A neighbor asked  
him "if he could afford to plow up  
grass like that," to which he promptly  
replied: "I can't afford to cultivate  
poor land." No white man can afford  
to.

My friend, Mr. G. S. Wing, is now  
the owner of about 1,700 acres of land  
near this place, and is anxious for more.  
Not to have a place for hunting, but  
either to cultivate or sell for a profit.  
He has greatly improved the old home  
place, and it was a real pleasure to talk  
farming with him under his own roof-  
tree. As enthusiastic as he is as farm-  
er he has less none of his love for the  
law, and is devoting much of his time  
to its practice. Busy as he is on farm  
and in court room, he still finds time to  
indulge his fondness for literature, and  
I don't know when I have seen a more  
perfect picture of *alium cum dignitate*  
than when I found him, after a morning  
of hard work, sitting in the shade  
of his hospitable home, coat off, pipe  
in his mouth and one of Dickens' best  
in his hands.

I have just enjoyed a drive over the  
good roads leading from Green Bay to  
Meherrin, and have been greeted by  
my old(?) friend, Archer Haskins, who  
reminded me that I hadn't been here  
before in forty years. Archer was a  
noble soldier and honored the gray in  
the sixties and is still wearing it.

Meherrin hasn't grown to be a big  
city but has improved and is an active,  
progressive, business centre. The  
homes look comfortable, the stores are  
well furnished and well conducted and  
altogether there is an air of attraction  
about the town that was impressive.

On my return to Farmville I passed  
old Mount Pleasant church, and mem-  
ory became intensely busy with a ra-  
ced by gone. An army of Redds  
seemed to march by and enter the holy  
place again, and I for the time, listen-  
ed to the deep, rich voice of my friend,  
Chas. Redd, as he led the singing.  
How I loved to go to that old church  
as a boy, not always, I must confess,  
to hear the preacher, but to see the girls.  
Will I ever look upon their like again?  
Those of the present may have bright-  
er eyes, redder cheeks, sweeter voices  
and smaller feet, but I am wearing  
glasses and may not see as clearly as I  
once did.

The farm of the late Capt. Richard  
Stokes, just North of Redd's Shop, is  
immensely improved. Grass is grow-  
ing there as luxuriantly as it does in  
the far-famed Valley of Virginia. I  
didn't have time to visit the place, but  
was told that the corn crop on the old  
Sam Short Watson farm, would this  
year amount to 500 barrels.

"There is life in the old land yet."

## West Appomattox.

September 25, 1899.

Editor HERALD—When I was last  
here the place was known as Nebraska,  
but in its new dress it is called West  
Appomattox, and the new dress is  
beautiful and becoming. The public  
buildings, courthouse, clerk's office and  
jail, are well located and well built.  
The stores, hotels and homes generally  
are far above the average, while Cher-  
wood, the home of Mr. J. R. Atwood, is  
one of the most elegant and attractive  
in Virginia. It was my privilege this  
evening to spend an hour in the cozy  
family room, with the host and hostess,  
grand-papa and grand-mama, and the  
four bright, happy girls, the only  
young *ma* of the family having re-  
tired early to rest from the labors in-  
cident to watching the antics of the  
monkey, who danced and bowed and  
begged as his owner guided out disor-  
diant notes from a "screaky" organ  
on the streets of the town in the after-  
noon.

After the young ladies had said good  
night, too, we old folks reviewed by-  
gone, and after that I inspected in part  
the beautiful home. Works of art,  
handsome furniture, elegant tapestry,  
portraits of the living and the dead,  
carpets from Eastern looms and paper-  
ing of exquisite design and rich color-  
ing united and blended in one harmo-  
nious whole to make an ideal home.  
The grounds about the house are cap-  
acious and captivating. The well kept  
grass dotted here and there with pot-  
ted plant or fern and palm, and bright-  
ened with many colored buds and  
blossoms is a thing of beauty and must  
be a joy ever.

Such a home and such surroundings  
in old Virginia give promise of a better  
day for the old commonwealth. The  
business home of Mr. Atwood is also a  
standing monument to his good taste  
and good judgment.

I was glad to take by the hand Mr.  
R. L. Burk, who for 27 years has been  
the faithful and efficient agent of the  
N. & W., at this point. He is a grand-  
son of that noble old Virginia gentle-  
man, Col. Burk, from whom Burkeville  
took its name, and what the grand-  
father did for Burkeville he is doing  
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it better and brighter for living in it.

I found the latch string of the Ap-  
pomattox and Buckingham Times on  
the outside, but was disappointed in  
not meeting with its able and accom-  
plished editor who was in Lynchburg  
on a business trip.

The Baptist and Methodist churches  
are attractive buildings, and I am told  
are supplied with most acceptable  
preachers, and are blessed with large  
and interested congregations. Not only  
is West Appomattox flourishing, but  
the country about it is too, and that's  
a condition most to be desired when  
country and town work in harmony  
and grow together. RAMBLER.

## Present-Day Thoughts.

BY "MEMO."

A Glance Over Europe.—According  
to St. Paul, who evidently spoke from  
knowledge, there is in everyone of us  
a warfare between the good and the  
bad. To have these two conditions ex-  
istent within ourselves is to be nor-  
mal, but when in the struggle the evil  
gets the upper hand then there is cause  
for alarm indeed. Now it is interest-  
ing to believe and very interesting to  
try to prove that nations are just like  
individuals. If the ideas and the ideals  
of the majority of a nation are sound  
and practical and somewhat similar  
then it is safe to foretell for such a  
nation, just as one would for an indi-  
vidual, progress, power, and peace. View  
ed in this way the healthy and rather  
unimpaired character of the Russian,  
the Scandinavian, the German and the  
Briton promise strength and continu-  
ance to their respective lands. Yet one  
knows that there are very bad ele-  
ments in the extremes of society in the  
first, third and fourth of these, but not  
sufficiently bad to color national life  
Scandinavia will have governmental  
troubles within the next quarter of a  
century, but the sound sense of the  
people of Norway and Sweden will  
probably lead to the avoidance of war-  
fare and content itself with political  
change. The trouble is chiefly that  
they are under the rule of an imported  
monarch, a Bernadotte, and second,  
that there is a jealous rivalry between  
the two halves of the kingdom. Not-  
withstanding this last feeling, how-  
ever, it is quite within the range of  
possibility that Norway and Sweden  
will develop a republican form of gov-  
ernment, whose integrity, like that of  
Switzerland, will be guaranteed by the  
great powers around.

Division of purpose, though her peo-  
ples are morally sound as a whole, will  
probably be the undoing of Austria-  
Hungary, after the death of the Em-  
peror Francis Joseph; for eighteen dif-  
ferent languages and almost as many  
different sets of ideals hold sway with-  
in the bounds of the empire. The  
northern part of the eastern portion  
may possibly share the fate of Poland  
and be absorbed by Russia. In the  
southern part of the eastern end we  
may expect to see more principalities  
created like those at present existing  
under Russian domination in the Bal-  
kan peninsula. The western portion  
will probably retain its identity as  
Austria, but the general tendency will  
be for it to become Germanized.

Belgium will have before long some  
very unhappy experiences. The peo-  
ple will grow tired of puppet royalty  
as at present played by the king of  
Belgium, but instead of there being for  
us any feeling of pleasure in looking  
forward to the formation of a repub-  
lic upon the ruins of this royalty, there  
is cause for dread. Belgium is too  
French in its character, to effect such a  
change decently and in order. Its  
city dwellers are wretched, crowded,  
immoral, and form precisely the right  
soil for growing another crop of hor-  
rors like that of the Commune. When  
the political change comes there will  
be French interference and such strong  
German opposition to any appearance  
of a French increase of territory, that  
these two nations will set themselves  
for a final struggle. The inevitable  
result will be the defeat of France.

France is tottering to national decay  
because there are more individuals in  
it of low personal ideals than there  
are of high. No nation of Europe  
more thoroughly shows a likeness to  
an individual in whom evil has tri-  
umphed over the good. Because there  
is constant distrust within it, there is  
to be distrust of it. Because there is  
such constant pursuit of the present  
there is positive doubt of the future.  
Because it suspects the nations around  
it of stealing, there is within it the  
spirit of thievery. Because the might,  
of its army has been directed to the  
crusher of one man, there is room to  
suspect that the leaders of the army  
have no real care for the nation, either  
as to its moral health within it or  
as to its reputation among the sister-  
hood of nations. Religious only in a  
formal way, and content to substitute  
the bowings and scrapings of polite-  
ness for the real gold of character, it  
shall become poor though it is now  
rich, and it shall become weak though

its theatric leaders dream of its  
strength.

The existence of Turkey in Europe  
is dependent upon good behavior. Like  
a skillful time-server the Sultan has  
played off the jealousies of European  
powers against each other, and very  
successfully up to the present. Russia  
would have removed it from the face  
of the earth in 1877-78 had it not been  
for England's jealousy; and the scimi-  
tar of its own barbarity would have  
been laid to its neck two years ago  
had not similar reasons prevailed. A  
threatened life lasts long, but at the  
time of its next relapse into cruelty  
England and Russia, because of the  
comity created by their Asiatic inter-  
ests, will act together in European af-  
fairs.

The future of Italy is problematical.  
The poverty and ignorance of a large  
proportion of its inhabitants foretell  
disquiet, certain not to be allayed by  
the attitude of aristocratic superiority  
assumed by the upper classes toward  
the lower. Given an ambitious man  
whose thoughts are less ideal than  
those of Pope Leo XIII. and Italy may  
yet see a restoration of the temporal  
power of the Pope. An aid to such a  
change will be found among the poor  
who are religious to the verge of su-  
perstition. Spain will give much atten-  
tion to internal improvement during  
the next half century; for it has now  
not much else to worry about, and the  
ignorance of its masses together with  
the undeveloped state of its own nat-  
ural resources are fruitful fields for  
the employment of wise statesman-  
ship. But at the outset there must be  
a turning of the back upon the grandest  
spirit which has hitherto prevailed and  
which in its effects has brought Spain  
to its present state of shorn glory.

## Not an Independent Candidate.

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Editor HERALD—Permit me to say  
personally and politically that a cur-  
rent report to the effect that I am an  
independent candidate for the legisla-  
ture is unfounded.

I asked for the regular nomination  
of my party, but the bosses had ordered  
otherwise, and I bow to their mandate,  
and thus begins and ends my aspira-  
tions for political honors. I am not  
one of those who "bow the pregnant  
hinges of the knee that thrift may fol-  
low fawning?" nor am I a Democrat for  
revenue and office-holding only. I be-  
lieve in the supremacy of my own race,  
and that they must direct and control  
government as a whole, but not by  
cliques and "rings" for personal ag-  
grandizement.

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